

ADVANCED PLACEMENT (AP)

Overview

Cerritos College will grant degree-applicable credit for College Board Advanced Placement (AP) examinations. A passing score of 3, 4 or 5 is required in order to receive units toward the associate degree. The number of units earned through AP exams will be noted on the student's transcript.

The table below notes the minimum units Cerritos College will award for passing scores on AP exams. It also identifies how passing scores may be applied to the Cerritos General Education Curriculum (CGEC) for local Associate of Arts (AA) and Associate of Science (AS) degrees, as well as to the California General Education Transfer Curriculum (Cal-GETC) for Associate Degrees for Transfer (AA-Ts or AS-Ts). Passing scores on AP exams that do not specify a general education area will receive elective credit.

Units granted toward a Cerritos College associate degree may differ from units granted by other community colleges or transfer institutions. Students wishing to apply AP credits towards transfer requirements should consult the receiving institution's policy which can often be found in the receiving institution's catalog. A Cerritos College counselor may help you with your inquiries.

AP exams that have been discontinued are not shown on this table. A student with catalog rights may be able to use the discontinued exam if accepted under the comparable area of general education for the associate degree or Cal-GETC.

AP Exam	CGEC Area	Cal-GETC Area	Min Units Awarded
2-D Art and Design	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
3-D Art and Design	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
African American Studies	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
Art History	3: Arts & Humanities	3A: Arts OR 3B: Humanities	6 units
Biology	5: Natural Sciences	5B: Biological Science AND 5C: Laboratory	6 units
Calculus AB#	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3 units
Calculus BC#	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	6 units
Calculus BC/AB Subscore#	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3 units
Chemistry	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	6 units

Chinese Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
Comparative Government & Politics	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units
Computer Science A#	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
Computer Science AB#	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	6 units
Computer Science Principles#	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	6 units
Drawing	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
English Language & Composition	1A: English Composition	1A: English Composition	6 units
English Literature & Composition	1A: English Composition AND 3: Arts & Humanities	1A: English Composition OR 3B: Humanities	6 units
Environmental Science#	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	4 units
European History	3: Arts & Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3B: Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	6 units
French Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
German Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
Human Geography	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units
Italian Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
Japanese Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
Latin	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
Macroeconomics	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units
Microeconomics	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units
Music Theory	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	6 units
Physics 1: Algebra-based#	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	4 units
Physics 2: Algebra-based#	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	4 units
Physics B#	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	6 units

Physics C (Electricity & Magnetism)#	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	4 units
Physics C (Mechanics)#	5: Natural Sciences	5A: Physical Science AND 5C: Laboratory	4 units
Precalculus	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
Psychology	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units
Research	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
Seminar	Not applicable to CGEC	Not applicable to Cal-GETC	3 units
Spanish Language & Culture	3: Arts & Humanities	3B: Humanities	6 units
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Statistics	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	2: Mathematical Concepts & Quantitative Reasoning	3 units
Studio Art	Not applicable for CGEC	Not applicable for Cal-GETC	3 units
Studio Art - 2D	Not applicable for CGEC	Not applicable for Cal-GETC	3 units
Studio Art - 3D	Not applicable for CGEC	Not applicable for Cal-GETC	3
Studio Art - Drawing	Not applicable for CGEC	Not applicable for Cal-GETC	3 units
U.S. Government & Politics	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	4: Social & Behavioral Sciences OR 7: American Institutions	3 units
U.S. History	7: American Institutions AND 3: Arts & Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3B: Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	6 units
World History: Modern	3: Arts & Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3B: Humanities OR 4: Social & Behavioral Sciences	3 units

For full detail, please review the CSU External Exam table at <https://www.calstate.edu/apply/transfer/Pages/External-Exam-Credit.aspx#InplviewHash6d53e609-96a0-4440-9e6f-dc217d795740=FilterField1%3DAcademicYear-FilterValue1%3D2025%252D2026>.

⁶ If a student passes more than one AP exam in calculus or computer science, only one examination may be applied to the baccalaureate.

⁷ Students who pass AP Environmental Science earn 4 units of credit. Tests prior to Fall 2009 may apply either to 5A+5C or 5B+5C of GE. Fall of 2009 or later, those credits may only apply to 5A+5C.

⁸ If a student passes more than one AP exam in physics, only six units of credit may be applied to the baccalaureate, and only four units of credit may be applied to a CSU GE area.